



City of Miami Springs, Florida

The Miami Springs City Council held a **REGULAR MEETING** in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Monday, November 22, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

The following were present:

Mayor Billy Bain
Vice Mayor Jennifer Ator
Councilman Bob Best
Councilman Dan Espino
Councilman George V. Lob

Also Present:

City Manager James R. Borgmann
Assistant City Manager Ronald K. Gorland
City Attorney Jan K. Seiden
Chief of Police Peter G. Baan
Finance Director William Alonso
Comptroller Alicia E. González
Building & Zoning Office Supervisor Harold “Tex” Ziadie
City Clerk Magalí Valls

2. Invocation: Councilman Lob offered the invocation.

Salute to the Flag: The audience participated.

3. Awards & Presentations:

None.

4. Open Forum:

Introduction

Pedro Villa, Regional Director, from Senator Bill Nelson's office introduced himself and offered to assist the City in any way possible. He looks forward to learning more about the City.

Special Event

Lily Saborit-Abello of 117 Palmetto Drive stated that she launched a series of shows called "Welcome to Our Hood: Poetry, Words and Motion" for which she requested approval to sell beer and wine at the Rebeca Sosa Theatre. She reported that the show was fantastic and she thanked Mayor Bain for attending.

Mayor Bain explained that the show was different, he enjoyed it and the performers were very nice.

Ms. Saborit-Abello was glad that the Mayor used the term "different" because Miami Springs is a diverse community. She said that as a business owner in the community it is frustrating not to be heard and when you ask for help the door is shut. She was of the opinion that this is not Council's intention and she would like for the City to listen and do more for the business owners.

Ms. Saborit-Abello asked for Council's support and participation for a New Year event for the community. She alleged that there is no consistency or passion. She said that together great things can be accomplished and asked Council to contact her if they are interested in a January 1st event.

5. Approval of Council Minutes:

5A) 11/08/2010 – Regular Meeting

Minutes of the November 8, 2010 Regular Meeting were approved as written.

Councilman Best moved the item. Councilman Lob seconded the motion which was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

6. Reports from Boards & Commissions:

6A) 10/26/2010 – Ecology Board – Minutes

Minutes of the October 26, 2010 Ecology Board meeting were received for information without comment.

6B) 11/09/2010 – Recreation Commission – Notice of Lack of a Quorum

Notice of Lack of a Quorum of the November 9, 2010 Recreation Commission meeting was received for information without comment.

6C) 11/10/2010 – Golf and Country Club Advisory Board – Minutes

Minutes of the November 10, 2010 Golf and Country Club Advisory Board meeting were received for information without comment.

6D) 11/11/2010 – Board of Parks and Parkways – Cancellation Notice

Cancellation Notice of the November 11, 2010 Board of Parks and Parkways meeting was received for information without comment.

6E) 12/08/2010 – Golf and Country Club Advisory Board – Cancellation Notice

Cancellation Notice of the December 8, 2010 Golf and Country Club Advisory Board meeting was received for information without comment.

6F) 12/21/2010 – Education Advisory Board – Cancellation Notice

Cancellation Notice of the December 21, 2010 Education Advisory Board meeting was received for information without comment.

6G) 01/12/2011 – Golf and Country Club Advisory Board – Cancellation Notice

Cancellation Notice of the January 12, 2011 Golf and Country Club Advisory Board meeting was received for information without comment.

Vice Mayor Ator commented that the Education Advisory Board made recommendations at their meeting of November 16th that she would like Council to consider as an agenda item before the end of the year.

7. Public Hearings:

7A) Second “Second” Reading – Ordinance No. 1000-2010 – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Miami Springs Amending Code of Ordinance Section 150-030, Sign Regulations; by Clarifying the Rules and Regulations Related to Residential Real Estate Open House Directional Signs Contained in Subsection 150-030(J); Expanding the Nonresidential Public Street Locations for the Placement of Residential Real Estate Open House Directional Signs Contained in Subsection 150-030(B) and Figure 1; Repealing all Ordinances or Parts of Ordinances in Conflict; Effective Date (First Reading: 10/25/2010 – Advertised: 10/27/2010 – Advertised for Second “Second” Reading: 11/10/2010)

City Attorney Jan K. Seiden read the ordinance by title.

Attorney Seiden stated that this is the second reading and public hearing of the ordinance. He referred to the revisions on the second page separating the Open House and Talking House sign regulations. Some of the provisions dealing with Open House signs did not apply to Talking House signs so there are two separate sections.

City Attorney Seiden clarified that the Open House sign regulations stayed the same and the Talking House signs are restricted to the same time periods over any seven day period. The Talking House signs shall have “Talking House” in large letters and may also include a directional arrow. He added the phrase “on the right-of-way area” to the location provisions for the directional signs to the street location of the Open House.

Mayor Bain opened the public hearing to those persons wishing to speak.

Bob Schwinger of 8 Canal Street thanked the Mayor, Council, City Attorney and the Administration for their work on the proposed ordinance. He was not able to access the ordinance and the supporting documents for the meeting on the website, although he reviewed the copy that was made available in the City Hall lobby and it looks like it addresses his concerns.

There were no additional speakers and the public hearing was closed.

Councilman Best moved to adopt Ordinance 1000-2010 on second “second” reading. Councilman Espino seconded the motion which was unanimously carried on roll call vote.

8. Consent Agenda:

Vice Mayor Ator removed Agenda Item 8B from the Consent Agenda.

8A) Recommendation that Council Approve a Bid to Bartow Ford Company, Utilizing Florida Sheriffs Association Bid Award Announcement # 10-18-0907, in the Amount of \$24,806.00, Pursuant to Section 31.11 (E) (5) of the City Code, to Purchase One New 2011 Ford Crown Victoria Patrol Vehicle for the Police Department

There was no discussion regarding this item.

Councilwoman Ator moved the consent agenda. Councilman Espino seconded the motion which carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

8B) Recommendation to Council Regarding Rec-Trac Equipment at Pool

City Manager Borgmann stated that when the bid was awarded at the last meeting for the Rec-Trac equipment it was significantly less than the amount budgeted because some of the equipment was eliminated for the swimming pool. In talking with Staff, their recommendation was not to expend the additional \$3,500 at this time and to wait until there is a need. At the present time there are only four pool memberships and the member status can be searched in the computer by typing the last name into the system. The hardware can be purchased at any time.

To answer the Mayor's question, City Manager Borgmann explained that Council had asked for this item to come back with a cost estimate.

Recreation Director Omar Luna stated that the system is set up so that Staff can type in the last name on the membership identification card and it will show what amenities that person has access to.

Vice Mayor Ator said that there are a couple of issues she wanted to discuss. She thought that the Rec-Trac system would keep track of the number and type of people that go in and out of the facility. A number of people might pay \$4.00 each time and they would be "off the radar screen", yet their personal information is important and she would like to see the statistics moving forward.

City Manager Borgmann stated that Staff could provide information showing who uses the facility, especially at the pool.

Vice Mayor Ator would like a breakdown of how many adults, children, City employees, etc. use the facility as well as who comes in for security reasons.

Mr. Luna said that there is one main computer at the Community Center where people apply for memberships. People coming in off the street can be tracked when they make their payment; they are issued a receipt and the information is put into the Rec-Trac system. They will provide their address and personal information that will be used to create a data base.

Councilman Espino asked if the cost for the additional equipment and installation would go up in the future.

Mr. Luna responded that he asked that question and was told that it would only be \$3,500 for the hardware and it is easy to install.

City Manager Borgmann explained that the revenue reports show the type and number of people that come in.

Councilman Espino added that he would like to use the system for marketing and business purposes in running the Community Center. He said that a paper system might not keep as much information as the Rec-Trac system.

Mr. Luna said that people are asked to complete the registration form and Staff enters the information into the data base.

Vice Mayor Ator said that she and her family members paid for memberships and the information on file from the summer camp was available. She would like to be able to have that type of information for every person and it should not have to be done every time they come in.

Mr. Luna said that the information would be on file and they would not have to give the information every time. The busiest days at the pool are on the weekends; not many people attend on a daily basis.

Vice Mayor Ator said that people at the pool would have to wait while Staff locates the information in the system and she thought that the purpose of the Rec-Trac system was to facilitate moving people through. She does not advocate the expense if the numbers are not worth it; she thinks that some points are valid about the cost, and it should continue to be looked at. If only ten people are coming to the pool, she would hope that something would be done to increase the number.

By consensus, Council agreed to accept the recommendation of the Administration not to expend \$3,500 for the additional equipment.

Mayor Bain asked about the status of the recommendation to place a fence around Stafford Park.

Parks and Recreation Director Luna explained that he is obtaining quotes for the fence. He received one quote for \$35,000 for a six to eight foot high fence. He hopes to have a recommendation for Council at the next meeting.

City Manager Borgmann clarified that any purchase over \$25,000 must go out to bid and they can use the specifications received from the one quotation.

Mayor Bain asked for the maintenance schedule on the field from January to date and what costs have been incurred.

Councilman Lob would like to know what has to be done to the field and how much the cost would be.

Mayor Bain reiterated that he would first like to see the schedule and see what can help to get the field in better shape.

Vice Mayor Ator complimented Mr. Luna on the “Turkey Trot” that was very well done. She asked what the distance is around the running track at Stafford Park.

Mr. Luna responded that two laps is roughly equivalent to a mile. He is planning to mark the distance.

City Manager Borgmann confirmed that one lap is .41 mile.

Agenda Item 10M was discussed at this time

9. Old Business:

9A) Appointments to Advisory Boards by the Mayor and Council Members

Councilman Espino (Group II) **appointed** Carl Malek to the Ecology Board for an unexpired term ending on April 30, 2011.

9B) Recreational Vehicle Code Revisions Recommendation

City Attorney Jan K. Seiden stated that Council considered a recommendation for a proposed ordinance that would resolve one of the code issues. The Code Compliance Office Supervisor provided a memorandum outlining why it is important, including a recommended course of action.

Attorney Seiden explained that the problem only relates to multi-family districts; there is no issue with commercial districts. Condominiums and apartment buildings must have an approved parking layout prior to receiving a certificate of occupancy and no parking layout has been approved by the City that permits recreational vehicles. The existing ordinance was never intended to deal with any properties other than single-family residential properties. He would suggest that Council authorize the two changes provided by Code Compliance or to at least change Section B.

City Attorney Seiden stated that the Administration is trying to be proactive; it does not take away any rights. Someone who is taking up more than the permitted amount of parking spaces is probably violating the apartment or condominium regulations, but it does not solve the City’s problem.

Mayor Bain felt that the rules should be enforced by the condominium association, since it is a privately owned parking lot. He does not feel that the City should be involved in the enforcement of their rules.

Councilman Espino said that the current Code only applies to recreational vehicles in single-family residential neighborhoods; it does not apply to multi-family residential. Recreational vehicles are only allowed to be parked in single-family residential neighborhoods, not multi-family. A recreational vehicle is a luxury and it should be parked in an appropriate location or storage facility.

Attorney Seiden explained that the ordinance was originally based on aesthetics and citizens did not want to see the recreational vehicles in single-family residential communities. The question is whether or not it is a problem for the community to drive by a condominium with an open parking lot and see boats, recreation vehicles, trailers, etc.

Mayor Bain suggested that multi-family properties that do not abide by their parking programs could be approached by the City.

City Attorney Seiden said that amending the ordinance is a proactive approach in order to prevent a problem.

Vice Mayor Ator said that a condominium or apartment building might provide enough parking, according to the site plan and if there is no prohibition for recreational vehicles, one could take up five parking spaces.

City Attorney Seiden said that at the very minimum the ordinance should be amended to provide that it is only subject to single-family. He could come back with similar legislation that would restrict the parking of recreational vehicles in multi-family districts at the same time commercial vehicle ordinances are addressed.

Building and Code Compliance Office Supervisor Harold “Tex” Ziadie explained that this recommendation came about as a result of review of all the codes. The City received complaints and in one situation, someone was parking a limousine in an apartment parking lot; when the City informed the person that they could not park a commercial vehicle in that location, the response was that the Code does not say “single-family”. The Code states any “residentially zoned district” and it should be clarified to say the Code only applies to single-family residential and it is not allowed in the commercial or multi-family district.

Mr. Ziadie stated that this is one of the most violated codes in the city. Since 2004, there have been 1,092 violation notices given for recreational vehicles, although the vast majority of the violations were issued to single-family properties.

City Attorney Seiden asked Council to consider if there is a difference in aesthetics for a single-family property where the recreational vehicle can be screened compared to an open parking lot that everyone can see.

Councilman Espino felt that commercial vehicles should be addressed separately from recreational vehicles. He reiterated that it is a luxury to have a recreational vehicle and the same regulations that apply to single-family properties should be extended to multi-family areas.

Councilman Lob stated his objection to prohibiting a person who is allocated two spaces in a multi-family parking lot from parking a jet ski or other recreational vehicle in one of the spaces.

Councilman Espino felt that the same provisions should apply to any parking location that is visible from the street, whether or not it is single-family or multi-family.

Attorney Seiden asked Council to consider whether or not they wanted to expand the aesthetic nature of the ordinance to include multi-family, the same as single-family residential.

Councilman Espino said that there had been complaints about the lack of code enforcement in the multi-family districts and the parking of recreational vehicles is another issue that is a problem. It lessens the aesthetic value that affects the quality of life in Miami Springs.

Councilman Best acknowledged that people have various hobbies and recreational interests. His concern is that this would be creating another layer of legislation. He understands the need to adjust the language as stated by the City Attorney, but he would not want to go further since the violations do not warrant the need for change.

City Attorney Seiden explained there is no legislation that extends to multi-family properties. At the very least, he would like authorization to place the wording “single-family” in the ordinance.

Discussion ensued regarding site plan regulations and condominium standards for parking of recreational vehicles.

Attorney Seiden would not recommend allowing an independent body to legislate for the City.

Councilman Espino moved to direct the City Attorney to draft the amendment to include “single-family”. Councilman Best seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-1 with Mayor Bain casting the dissenting vote.

(Mayor Bain agreed to a five-minute break at 8:31 p.m.)

9C) Recommendation that Council Award a Bid for Debt Collection Services to National Recovery Agency (NRA), Utilizing City of Sarasota Bid # 07-46W, in an Amount not to Exceed 15% of the Delinquent Accounts, Pursuant to Section 31.11 (E) (5) of the City Code

City Manager Borgmann read the title of the award. He explained that this was the best fee based on the percentage of the delinquent accounts that is given to the collection agency.

Mayor Bain asked the Finance Director for an update of the collection of fees since September 30th.

Finance Director William Alonso explained that the information the Mayor requested was included in the agenda back-up documentation. The new report shows the delinquency of 175 accounts, as opposed to 182 since September 30th. The actual delinquency amount went down approximately \$5,000.

To answer Vice Mayor Ator's question, Mr. Alonso explained that there is a process in placing liens on the properties and each delinquent account on the list has a lien. Currently, the Finance Department Staff is calling and sending letters to each property owner as a last resort before they are sent to collection.

Councilman Espino moved the item. Councilman Best seconded the motion which was unanimously carried on roll call vote.

10. New Business:

10A) Appointments to the Revitalization and Redevelopment Ad-Hoc Committee

City Manager Borgmann stated that Council decided to establish an Ad-Hoc Committee to work with the consulting firm in order to give the business community an avenue for input. This is Council's opportunity to make appointments to the five-member board.

Mayor Bain asked if any Council member that voted to establish the Ad-Hoc Committee had reconsidered their decision since the last meeting. He had hoped that Council had changed their minds and if not, he will make his appointment at the next meeting.

Councilman Espino stated that he was ready to make his appointment.

Councilman Best explained that he was not in favor of establishing the Ad-Hoc Committee, but since the recommendation passed by three votes he was prepared to make an appointment. He received several calls from interested people since the last meeting, including a letter from one person that he was very impressed with who has a degree in mechanical engineering, and a Masters and Doctorate in Business Administration.

Councilman Best **appointed** Arturo Rabade of 1171 Wren Avenue.

Councilman Lob was not ready to make an appointment.

Vice Mayor Ator said that she needs another day and will appoint someone tomorrow.

Councilman Espino **appointed** Joe Valencia of 25 South Drive.

City Attorney Seiden explained that he had one correction in Section 2 – Duties and Responsibilities based upon a request from Vice Mayor Ator at the last meeting:

“The jurisdiction of the Committee shall be limited to studying, evaluating, and making recommendations to the City Council regarding the revitalization of the Downtown area, the N. W. 36th Street Corridor and other commercial areas.”

Council **agreed** to accept the amendment.

10B) Resolution No. 2010-3497 – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Miami Springs Authorizing the City Manager to Apply for a 2011 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant from the Federal Drug Control and System Improvement Program, through the Office of Grants Coordination Justice Assistance Grant Administration for Miami-Dade County; Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Grant Contracts and Agreements, Execute Contracts and Agreements to Accomplish Grant Funding Purposes, Expend Funding for Established and Authorized Purposes, Receive and Expend Additional Funding that Might Become Available, Execute Amendatory Application Documentation, and to Exercise all Contractual Rights, Authorizations and Privileges Available to the City; Effective Date

City Attorney Jan K. Seiden read the resolution by title.

Councilman Best moved to adopt the resolution. Vice Mayor Ator seconded the motion which carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

10C) Resolution No. 2010-3498 – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Miami Springs in Support of the National Guard and Reserve Forces; Recognizing Employer Support of the National Guard and Reserve Forces; Effective Date

City Attorney Jan K. Seiden read the resolution by title.

Councilman Best stated that he brought forward the recommendation for the resolution at the last meeting, which came from Mayor Joy Cooper of Hallandale Beach who is this year’s President of the Florida League of Cities.

Attorney Seiden stated that the resolution offers support of the National Guard and job availability, etc.

Councilman Best explained that there is no responsibility to the City other than a show of support for the organization known as ESGR.

Vice Mayor Ator commented that there is no pending legislation.

Councilman Best moved to adopt the resolution. Councilman Lob seconded the motion which carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

10D) Resolution No. 2010-3499 – Resolution of the City Council of the City of Miami Springs, Florida Authorizing the Issuance by the City of not Exceeding \$2,610,000 Aggregate Principal Amount of City of Miami Springs, Florida Sales Tax Revenue Refunding Bond, Series 2010 in Order to Refund the City’s Outstanding City of Miami Springs, Florida General Obligation Bonds, Series 1997; Providing Certain Terms and Details of Such Series 2010 Bond and Authorizing a Negotiated Sale of Said Series 2010 Bond and the Award of the Series 2010 Bond Pursuant to the Proposal of Branch Banking and Trust Company; Providing for the Rights, Securities and Remedies for the Bondholder of Such Series 2010 Bond; Designating the Series 2010 Bonds as a "Qualifies Tax-Exempt Obligation" Pursuant to Section 265(B)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as Amended; Delegating Certain Authority to Officials of the City with Respect to the Series 2010 Bond; Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of an Escrow Deposit Agreement and the Appointment of an Escrow Agent thereto; Providing Certain Other Provisions with Respect to the Series 2010 Bond; and Providing an Effective Date

City Attorney Jan K. Seiden explained that this is the refinancing of the General Obligation Bonds with a bank loan. The resolution is important because it serves as an agreement between the parties. He pointed out that while there is no pre-payment penalty, the City is not permitted to pay it back in separate amounts; it must be paid back in full.

Mayor Bain stated that the City would still not be able to lease the Country Club.

City Attorney Seiden clarified that the note would still be tax exempt. As part of this transaction, there is a survivability provision that says if the tax laws change or if it is determined that the City violated the tax exempt restrictions, the City would be liable for the additional amount of money to the lending institution that would change it from a non-taxable to a taxable situation.

City Attorney Seiden read the ordinance by title. He explained that a closing would be held on Monday, November 29th when all the documents would be signed. The process is that the monies the City will acquire from the bank will go into the escrow agreement; the escrow agreement will be held by the bank and they will pay for the refunding of the bonds at the end of the thirty-day period. The City will pay for the costs and expenses separate and apart from the fund.

Councilman Espino asked what would be the ultimate savings to the City.

Finance Director William Alonso responded that the net savings over eight years remaining in the note is approximately \$340,000 in interest.

Councilman Best moved to adopt the resolution. Councilman Lob seconded the motion.

Mayor Bain asked about the revenue generated from the debt service millage rate and if it would be spent this year.

The Finance Director clarified that the funds would be used to pay the debt service on the new note.

Mayor Bain said that his understanding is that the loan would be paid for from the half-cent sales tax this fiscal year going forward.

Finance Director Alonso explained that if the refinancing had been decided during the budget process, Council would have had the option to increase the operating millage rate to cover the debt service that totals approximately \$300,000. It is too late to change the operating millage at this time.

To answer the Mayor's question, the Finance Director said that the debt will be paid from sales tax revenues and the money will go back into the General Fund.

Finance Director Alonso clarified that the original plan was to take \$300,000 from the ad valorem debt service and the \$100,000 remaining would be used toward next year's debt service.

Mayor Bain stated that the tax payers were assessed for debt service and if there are other funds that can be used to pay the debt, the entire \$300,000 could be put back into the budget next year.

City Attorney Seiden explained that there will no longer be a separate debt service millage rate. There will only be one operating millage rate. The debt service has already been appropriated and budgeted this year and the funds are needed to pay the interest. This transaction is subsequent to the budget adoption, which was already authorized.

To answer the Mayor's question, Mr. Alonso confirmed that the City receives approximately \$790,000 each year from the half-cent sales tax that must cover the Community Center loan and this loan. The City is required to pay debt service on the new loan totaling \$300,000 between now and September 30, 2011.

City Attorney Seiden explained that the money is saved over a period of time because of the change in the interest rate. It is not a windfall.

City Manager Borgmann stated that only half the revenue in the General Fund budget comes from ad valorem taxes, the remainder of the budget is from other revenue sources that support the operation of the City on a day-to-day basis.

Finance Director Alonso clarified for the Mayor that the bond pay-off is \$2,610,000. This year it looks like there will be a General Fund balance of \$6.7MM. There is already \$2MM designated out of this amount, leaving \$4.7MM and there is \$500,000 for hurricane contingency.

Mayor Bain said that paying off the bond would allow the Golf and Country Club to be leased and generate revenue.

City Attorney Seiden stated that Council had approved a five-year contract with Carlos Santana.

The motion was carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

10E) First Reading – Ordinance No. 1001-2010 – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Miami Springs Amending Code of Ordinance Section 54-06, Tree Removal Standards, by Limiting the Exemptions Provided by that Section to Mango and Avocado Trees; Repealing all Ordinances or Parts of Ordinances in Conflict; Effective Date

City Attorney Jan K. Seiden read the ordinance by title.

Attorney Seiden stated that the amendment was discussed at the last meeting. On page two, a revision was made in regard to mango and avocado trees.

Vice Mayor Ator moved to approve the ordinance on first reading. Councilman Lob seconded the motion which carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

10F) First Reading – Ordinance No. 1002-2010 – Amending Code of Ordinance Section 150-010, Roof Materials, Requirements, and Re-Roofs, by Permitting the Use of Florida Building Code and Miami-Dade County N.O.A. Approved Asphalt Shingles for New Roofs and Re-Roofs for a Two-Year Sunset Period; Repealing all Ordinances or Parts of Ordinances in Conflict; Effective Date

City Attorney Jan K. Seiden read the ordinance by title.

Attorney Seiden stated that new Subsection (C) states:

“In addition to other approved materials for new roofs contained in subsections (A) and (B) above, Florida Building Code and Miami-Dade County N.O.A. approved asphalt shingles may be used for the installation of new roofs for a two-year period commencing on the date of the passage of this Ordinance. If no further City Council action is approved prior to the expiration of the aforesaid two-year period, the provisions of this subsection shall automatically “sunset” and become null and void at the end of the two-year period.”

The following language was added to subsection (G) – Re-roofs:

“Further, in accordance with the provisions of Subsection (C) above, Florida Building Code and Miami-Dade County N.O.A. approved asphalt shingles may be used for re-roofs during the two-year “sunset” period provided therein.”

Councilman Espino received calls from concerned residents about the proposed ordinance. They understand that a sunset provision was included to avoid long-term change to the community, but the concern is that people who replace their roof during the two-year period will be allowed a perpetual right to use shingles. He said that one recommendation was to include a reverter provision for future roof replacements. Tile costs more because it is a better material that looks better.

Mayor Bain explained that the situation would apply for two years and there would be a limited amount of roof replacements; he would not agree to another stipulation.

Councilman Best understood the concerns. He does not feel that tile roofs would become extinct as a result of the two-year sunset provision.

Vice Mayor Ator also received calls from concerned citizens about the shingle roofs. She would support a reverter provision, but is not sure how it can be enforced.

City Attorney Seiden was not certain that once tile is removed and replaced with shingles if something is done in the process to make it more difficult to re-install tile. He suggested getting an opinion from the Building Official.

Mayor Bain said that the Building Official had mentioned that some roofs cannot structurally support barrel tile.

Vice Mayor Ator explained that it has to do with the load weight of the roof, which would not pertain to houses that were originally built with barrel tile. The citizens' concern is that although people might be having financial problems now, if a house is built with barrel tile, it should have barrel tile in the future.

Councilman Best and Councilman Lob said that the proposed ordinance was fine with them.

Councilman Espino moved to table the ordinance. Vice Mayor Ator seconded the motion which carried 3-2 on roll call vote, with Mayor Bain and Councilman Best casting the dissenting votes.

City Attorney Seiden stated that the Administration would check with the Building Official for his opinion on the installation of tile on a roof that was previously a shingle roof.

10G) First Reading – Ordinance No. 1003-2010 – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Miami Springs Amending Code of Ordinance Section 151-04, Application for Building Permits, by Updating and Clarifying the Provisions Thereof in Accordance with the Provisions of the 2007 Florida Building Code; Repealing All Ordinances or Parts of Ordinances in Conflict; Effective Date

City Attorney Jan K. Seiden read the ordinance by title.

Attorney Seiden stated that this is the first reading of the ordinance; it is not a codification of new law, it is provision that gives information to the citizenry who are planning to perform work on their houses and the information is included in a hand-out that is given out by the Building Department showing examples of work that requires a permit.

Attorney Seiden said that gutters and downspouts now require a permit under the new Code according to the Building Code of 2007 and the installation of cabinets is revised. He added a provision that exempts roof repairs of less than three squares or \$300.00 from a permit, unless it involves structural repairs or a “hot mop”. He reiterated that the amendment does not create law; it simply gives notification to people in the City who want to do home repairs.

Vice Mayor Ator moved to approve the ordinance on first reading. Councilman Best seconded the motion.

Mayor Bain commented that there should be an update of the \$300.00 amount.

City Attorney Seiden informed the Mayor that the amount could be more but not less.

Mayor Bain stated that the City’s Building Code should follow the Florida Building Code and City Attorney Seiden explained that it would be a huge undertaking.

Vice Mayor Ator said that Council would first have to understand the differences between the City’s Code and the Florida Building Code.

The motion carried 4-1 on roll call vote, with Mayor Bain casting the dissenting vote.

10H) First Reading – Ordinance No. 1004-2010 – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Miami Springs Amending Code of Ordinance Section 34-15, Holidays and Compensatory Leave, by Revising, Clarifying and Expanding the Provisions Related to “Floating Holidays”; Repealing all Ordinances or Parts of Ordinances in Conflict; Effective Date

City Attorney Jan K. Seiden read the ordinance by title.

Attorney Seiden stated that the proposed ordinance was recommended by Staff because there is a need to clarify internal policies regarding when floating holidays are accrued, vested and used. The provisions contained herein are co-existent with the provisions that are included in the Police Benevolent Association (P.B.A.) contract.

City Attorney Seiden explained that employees hired in January, February and March get three floating holidays that cannot be used until they work three months; employees hired in April, May and June get two floating holidays after the completion of three months and employees hired from July through September receive one floating holiday after three months. The last provision is that the floating holidays must be used during the calendar year in which they are accrued and credited or they will be lost.

Vice Mayor Ator moved to approve the ordinance on first reading. Councilman Lob seconded the motion which carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

10I) First Reading – Ordinance No. 1005-2010 – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Miami Springs Amending Code of Ordinance Section 34-19, Employee Compensation and Benefits, by Adding Provisions Governing the Granting, Accumulation and Use of Compensation (“Comp”) Time by Eligible and Entitled Employees; Repealing all Ordinances or Parts of Ordinances in Conflict; Effective Date

City Attorney Jan K. Seiden read the ordinance by title.

Attorney Seiden stated that Staff requested this amendment; there was no codified provision in the Code regarding “Comp” time. This allows for employees who request “Comp” time instead of overtime pay to receive it. The request must be made by the employee, approved in advance by the Department Head unless it is an emergency; no employee is allowed to accrue more than eighty hours of “Comp” time during any fiscal year; the redemption or accumulation of “Comp” time shall be requested in advance by the employee and approved by the Department Head or designee and all “Comp” time hours not redeemed or used by an employee before the last day of the fiscal year shall be paid to the employee at the applicable rate within the first thirty-days of the new fiscal year.

Vice Mayor Ator said that the proposed ordinance might violate the Fair Labor Standards Act. She said that exempt employees are not entitled to “Comp” time, non-exempt employees are entitled to overtime and there are certain rules that apply to “Comp” time. She added that the City cannot legislate out of a Federal law.

City Attorney Seiden stated that he would check with the Labor Counsel.

Councilman Espino moved to table the ordinance. Councilman Lob seconded the motion which carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

10J) First Reading – Ordinance No. 1006-2010 – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Miami Springs Repealing Code of Ordinance Section 34-21, Retirement, and Reserving the Section for Future Retirement Related Legislation; Repealing all Ordinances or Parts of Ordinances in Conflict; Effective Date

City Attorney Jan K. Seiden read the ordinance by title.

Attorney Seiden stated that the amendment was requested by the Human Resources Director.

Councilman Espino moved to approve the ordinance on first reading. Vice Mayor Ator seconded the motion which carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Agenda Item 10K was discussed after Agenda Item 9B.

10K) Red Light Cameras Presentation

Chief of Police Peter G. Baan introduced Mr. Greg Parks from American Traffic Solutions who made a PowerPoint presentation and answered questions about the red light cameras.

Greg Parks, Senior Vice President of American Traffic Solutions stated that his company is a United States company, the largest within the industry with 3,000 systems under contract and they process 1.5MM citations each month. The Chief Executive Officer invented the technology in 1987.

Mr. Parks explained that over a long study of fourteen years, the system is proven to be effective. The City of Aventura has the longest running program in Miami-Dade County and crashes are down 58% at the most dangerous intersection since the cameras were installed. The technology is proven to reduce crashes and save lives.

American Traffic Solutions customers include New York, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., Seattle, Los Angeles, San Diego, Kansas City, and St. Louis. There are almost seventy programs in Florida and twenty-one in Miami-Dade County, including Hialeah, Miami and Coral Gables. They have excellent local service with facilities in South Florida and their contractor is Horsepower Electric that resides in Hialeah.

Mr. Parks provided 2009 crash statistics in Florida that resulted in fifty-six fatalities. The main goal of the program is saving lives. House Bill 325 passed in the last legislative session, allowing jurisdictions the right to enforce the roads within the city limits. Those outside of the city limits would be under the county jurisdiction and they are getting ready to procure a 250 camera system. It is a civil violation like a parking ticket and if the fine is not paid it becomes a uniform traffic code violation.

Mr. Parks explained that it is important to remember that there are no photographs of the drivers for privacy concerns and it is up to the local police department to approve or reject the violation. No citations would be issued without the signing off by Miami Springs Police Department. The program is self-funded through violations; there is no capital expense for installation, and no maintenance or training expense.

House Bill 325 requires a public education and public awareness campaign, which is included at no expense to the City, according to Mr. Parks. The company will assist the City in site selection and most of the locations in the City are along N. W. 36th Street. They will perform a video study and come back with recommendations for where the cameras are needed. As a benefit to the City, the company will provide before, after and ongoing results showing the reduction in crashes and fatalities.

Mr. Parks stated that the camera installation is very sleek with one pole that can be painted any color. The cameras take two shots for violator and police review. The light has to be 100% red when crossing the intersection for the system to take the photograph and data includes the date, time, amber time, speed and how long the light has been red.

Mr. Parks explained that the license plate and a twelve second video clip can be accessed by the violator on-line to review in order to determine whether they will pay the fine or contest it in court.

Mr. Parks added that there has been great success throughout the country with the video being used to help solve other crimes. The City of Miami Springs Police Department can share video with Hialeah, Coral Gables and Miami in any criminal investigations, which is a free surveillance system in addition to the red light mitigation.

Mr. Parks mentioned that the program is outsourced, the vendor does 90+ percent, but the Police Department has to approve the violation. In Florida it is a registered owner violation that is captured in the field, reviewed at the data center and those that meet the City's rules are sent back through the internet for review by the Police Department. The Police Officer can approve or reject the violation and those that are approved are printed and mailed at their expense; a website is set-up for the collection of the fines.

Mr. Parks displayed samples of the police review screen from Hillsborough County and the citation, with the close-up of the license plate for violator review, color photographs and instructions to go to the website that is built for the City. There are management reports available to the City, including traffic counts, speed studies, etc. at no cost.

Mr. Parks reiterated that there is no up-front cost to the City; fees come from the violators and the system is guaranteed to be revenue neutral. There could be excess revenue generated, although it is a safety program, not a revenue program, and it is self-sustaining.

To answer Councilman Best's question, Mr. Parks stated that the Police Department would not act as a judicial body; it is their discretion to determine if it is a violation the same as any violation on the street. The violator can determine if they want to pay or not, which is the same as any moving violation on the street. Those that do not want to pay can go to Miami-Dade County Court. There are no points added to the violator's license, as provided in House Bill 325, because it is a registered owner liability. There are four states where it is a driver's license violation, a picture is taken of the driver's face and points are issued.

Mayor Bain asked if there were more rear-end crashes from people stopping for the light.

Mr. Parks responded that approximately ten years ago the Federal Highway Administration conducted a study in six cities and it was determined that rear-end collisions increased 10%, while T-bone collisions were down 25%. He assured the Mayor that that none of their customers had experienced an increase because drivers are more aware through public education.

Councilman Best asked Chief of Police Baan if he felt that the system would be useful in terms of accident investigation.

Chief of Police Baan explained that the video taken by the cameras would be available for any purpose, including investigations. The Police Department already solved a robbery with video from the State Road 112 toll plaza.

To answer Councilman Espino's question, Mr. Parks stated that the videos for violations are stored until it is adjudicated.

Councilman Lob asked who determines the cost of the violations.

Mr. Parks explained that the fines are \$158.00 of which the city retains \$75.00, as provided for in House Bill 325.

To answer the Mayor's question, Mr. Parks explained that there is a flat fee for all Miami-Dade County customers of \$4,750.00 per month, or 2.11 citations per day. The City will not pay-out more than the revenue taken in.

Vice Mayor Ator stated that the Chief of Police is recommending moving forward before the County takes advantage of the opportunity. She added that there are many benefits that were not considered before. She likes the ability to review the video clip for accident investigations.

City Attorney Seiden explained that he was provided a sample ordinance and agreement that he will review. With Council's authorization, Mr. Parks will produce an agreement and he will produce the ordinance.

Councilman Lob asked if the City could place cameras on both sides of N. W. 36th Street and work out an agreement with the County.

Attorney Seiden responded that City should install cameras on both sides of 36th Street and enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the County until they have their own program.

To answer Councilman Best's question, Mr. Parks clarified that the fee paid by the City to his company is still \$4,750.00 per month, per light, which is their cost to do business plus a reasonable profit.

City Attorney Seiden added that the Chief of Police has a proposed map for the camera installation, subject to verification that the location will produce enough revenue.

Councilman Espino asked who has access to the film and the information in addition to the company and the City of Miami Springs.

Mr. Parks clarified that the information is controlled by the City; the company does not give out information unless directed by the City.

City Attorney Seiden stated that the information would not be revealed to an outside agency unless they have a subpoena.

Chief of Police Baan explained that he is not an expert on the State of Florida records retention law, but his understanding is that all videos become public record at some point. The Police Department releases all types of intelligence information to other investigating agencies and most likely this would not be treated differently.

Mayor Bain said that the video is stored for 60-days even if there is no violation. He asked if someone could request a copy of the video for a particular day even if there were no violations.

City Attorney Seiden said that if there was an accident in a location that had cameras, the City might get a subpoena from an attorney who would want the record.

Vice Mayor Ator felt that there is a real benefit to the video surveillance.

By consensus, Council authorized the Administration to proceed.

10L) Discussion Regarding the Creation of a “Wall of Fame” at the Community Center

Mayor Bain stated that he received a proposal for creating a “Wall of Fame” at the Community Center for people who have gone above and beyond in different areas. He suggested that the Memorial Committee and Recreation Commission could assist with determining the criteria.

City Attorney Jan K. Seiden explained that the jurisdiction of the Memorial Committee is very limited and the Recreation Commission might be better.

Mayor Bain felt that the Memorial Committee could work with the Recreation Commission to recommend some guidelines for Council to consider.

Councilman Best commented that the Memorial Committee normally deals with honoring individuals posthumously.

Mayor Bain was of the opinion that the Memorial Committee could discuss the standards that would help give the Recreation Commission some guidance. There are many people in the community that have donated their time, money and efforts to Recreation. He has three or four individuals in mind that have accomplished a lot for the City and it would be nice to have a wall dedicated to them.

Councilman Espino agreed with the Mayor’s idea. He asked if he had any idea of what walls would be appropriate.

The Mayor explained that he had not considered the location of the wall and the committees could make a recommendation. This would be an agenda item for the next Recreation Commission meeting and they could work with the guidelines established by the Memorial Committee that qualify individuals for recognition.

City Attorney Seiden asked who would recommend and consider the names of the individuals to be recognized.

Mayor Bain responded that he would have to think about the names for consideration.

City Attorney Seiden felt that it would fall under the jurisdiction of the Memorial Committee to make the intermediate steps and the final decision making would fall under the Recreation Commission.

Councilman Best added that there is more to consider in addition to sports, including the theatre, dance, vocalists, etc.

City Attorney Seiden explained that the ordinance describing the jurisdiction of the Memorial Committee is very instructive as to who qualifies for a memorial.

Mayor Bain thought that the criteria would set qualifications for the Recreation Commission to follow. He suggested that the public could nominate individuals.

City Attorney Seiden explained that the Memorial Committee is made up of the Chairmen of the various boards. They are very protective of memorials in the City; they feel that the person must really meet the criteria and they are very conservative.

City Attorney Seiden suggested sending a memo through the Clerk's Office with the criteria from the Memorial Committee, with excerpts of the minutes indicating that Council would like them to address a Wall of Fame.

Mayor Bain said that he would talk with the City Clerk and get a memo off to the Recreation Commission.

Agenda Item 10M was discussed after Agenda Item 9B.

10M) Recommendation to Sell Decorative Bricks in Support of our Recreation Programs

Parks and Recreation Director Omar Luna stated that the Assistant City Manager brought forward an idea for a project that Staff began working on. They are proposing a fund raiser at the Community Center for the support of future and current programs by selling bricks to be installed in front of the facility. The bricks can be engraved with family names, logos, or a variety of things.

Mr. Luna stated that the letters “MS” for Miami Springs would be placed in the middle of the design in different shades of bricks and they are hoping to get Council’s support for the project.

Councilman Espino explained that Curtiss Mansion, Inc. is using the same company and they use a laser to engrave the brick in glass, which is resistant to fading.

To answer Vice Mayor Ator’s question, Administrant Assistant III Katherine Anderson explained that the pricing level was received from Brick Markers USA. The actual prices in the sample brochure are what other cities, municipalities and schools are charging for their bricks and the prices are negotiable.

Vice Mayor Ator mentioned that there were different prices for different colors.

Ms. Anderson explained that the basic prices are for the general walkway. In order for the bricks to be part of the “MS” and the surrounding borders of the “MS” they would like to charge a higher price because it is a special focal point.

Vice Mayor Ator asked about the size of the space and how many bricks would be sold.

Mr. Luna responded that the space between the columns would be the beginning point and if there is enough interest it could be expanded. They would not want the brick installation to interfere with people walking in and out of the Community Center. He estimated that the space would hold at least 300 to 400 bricks.

Mayor Bain stated that he would like to give the authorization to proceed with the program. His only concern is that the color scheme should match with the color of the building.

Councilman Espino said that the City could purchase blank pavers, because the company will not engrave orders of less than 100 bricks. This would cost more up front, eventually all the bricks will be replaced and it would give a quick turn around for the public to see their name on the bricks.

Councilman Best asked about the marketing strategies for the brick program in order to be able to complete the entire area.

Mr. Luna said that the initial goal is to complete the “MS” to the side of the entrance and if the bricks are sold quickly they hope to expand the area. It is a process to break down the concrete and place the sand for the brick installation.

Councilman Lob asked to consider Councilman Espino’s suggestion to purchase the plain bricks for the entire area that can be replaced with engraved bricks as they are sold.

Councilman Espino added that finishing the “MS” with blank pavers would serve as its own marketing tool, although it costs more up front, but every brick becomes part of the inventory.

Mr. Luna explained that all options would be considered.

Councilman Lob reiterated that purchasing the blank bricks to complete the design would encourage people to buy into the program.

Councilman Espino suggested establishing a deadline for the first engraving. He asked to determine a number in order to know what the initial investment would be.

Vice Mayor Ator asked the Administration to provide a sketch of the proposed area for the brick installation.

By consensus, Council authorized the Administration to go ahead with the project.

11. Other Business:

11A) Council Meeting on December 27, 2010

By consensus, Council agreed to cancel the December 27, 2010 Regular Council meeting.

11B) April 2011 Elections

City Manager Borgmann stated that traditionally if there is an upcoming election in April there might be Charter amendments to consider or other types of actions that Council may wish to take. He asked Council to begin thinking about this because the window of opportunity to place a question on the ballot will close rapidly.

To answer Mayor Bain's question, City Manager Borgmann explained that this is a reminder to begin thinking about any issues that might require a vote, including a straw ballot question for the upcoming April 2011 election.

Mayor Bain would like the installation of the newly elected officials to be held at the Rebeca Sosa Theatre at the Community Center.

City Manager Borgmann explained that the Mayor's suggestion would not require any action.

Councilwoman Ator asked if the Rebeca Sosa Theatre would accommodate enough people.

Mayor Bain responded that the theatre seats 200 people.

Councilman Espino suggested that it could be a separate ceremony because normally the elected officials are sworn in during the Regular Council meeting and go right to work.

Mayor Bain agreed that it could be a meeting to swear in the elected officials without discussing business. He remembers that the officials were sworn in and then they went home.

City Attorney Seiden said that in the past elected officials were sworn in at different times because there were run-offs and some were out of town on City business.

Mayor Bain reiterated that he would like to hold a meeting after the election at the Community Center to swear in and introduce the new Mayor and Council.

City Clerk Magalí Valls stated that the meeting could not be held the next day after the election because it takes time for the Elections Department to certify the results.

City Manager Borgmann recalled that the swearing in used to be the day after the election on Wednesday night and at the next Council meeting the old Council spoke and were recognized.

Mayor Bain took his proposal off the table and said that it would be up to Council. He will leave it as it is.

12. Reports & Recommendations:

12A) City Attorney

Elections

City Attorney Seiden reported that the City Clerk contacted the Miami-Dade County Elections Department and the latest date to submit a straw ballot question would be February 4, 2011, which is 60 days prior to April election. He asked Council to begin thinking about any ballot questions in December because official action would be taken in January to put the language into resolution form.

12B) City Manager

Christmas at the Gazebo

City Manager Borgmann announced that Christmas at the Gazebo is December 11th from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Santa will arrive at 5:30 p.m.

National Golf Foundation

City Manager Borgmann met with consultants from the National Golf Foundation to see if there is anything that they can do to assist the City in opening up new markets for the Golf Course.

Mr. Borgmann said that they will provide a proposal to look at the current operation to see what is being done right and what improvements could be made to make the operation better. The minutes indicate that they made a proposal in 2005 for approximately \$10,000. He said that when the new proposal is received he will bring it to Council

Cellular Tower Flag

City Manager Borgmann stated that Council had received calls about the United States flag at the cell tower and the Administration was finally successful in having the flag removed and hopefully a new flag will be up soon.

Thanksgiving Holiday

City Manager Borgmann reminded everyone that City Hall would be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday on Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25, 2010.

Circle Marquee

City Manager Borgmann received an initial estimate for a 4' x 8' electronic marquee ranging from \$10,000 to \$25,000, not including the electrical or installation. The Administration is seeking more quotes.

Illegal Signage

City Manager Borgmann reported that after speaking with the management at the Aladdin Hotel, they agreed to remove the illegal signage.

Chamber Event

City Manager Borgmann stated that the Chamber of Commerce is holding a Hometown Holiday Shopping event from December 6-11, 2010, in the evening from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. They have asked if they can use the shuttle bus for the event, which is estimated to cost a total of \$800.00.

Councilman Espino said that he would like more information, including what stores will be open.

City Manager Borgmann explained that the event would occur before the next Council meeting and would like authorization to spend the funds if needed.

Vice Mayor Ator would also like to know if there are plans for restaurants staying open or special events for the kids. She asked if the shuttle would pick up and drop off people.

City Manager Borgmann explained that the shuttle would circulate through the Downtown area and Westward Drive to pick up people and take them back to their parked cars.

Vice Mayor Ator suggested that cars could be allowed to park along Curtiss Parkway, which might eliminate the need for the shuttle.

Councilman Lob said that he supports helping the Chamber and promoting Downtown, but there might not be time to let the people know that the shuttle is available.

Councilman Best suggested leaving the decision up to the City Manager.

Councilman Best moved to authorize the City Manager to exercise his discretion for the shuttle expense up to and including \$800.00 for the event. Councilman Lob seconded the motion.

The City Manager will check to see if this is an allowable expense for Citizen Independent Transportation Trust (CITT) funds.

The motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Radar Signs

City Manager Borgmann stated that the radar signs will arrive in two shipments.

Deep Dredge Project

City Manager Borgmann reported about a resolution supporting Miami's Deep Dredge Project.

12C) City Council

Movie Night

Vice Mayor Ator reported that the All Angels Movie Night was successful with hundreds of people attending. Next month's movies will be "How to Train a Dragon" and "Christmas Story".

Recognition

Vice Mayor Ator asked to recognize Lisa Martinez at the December 13th Council meeting who was instrumental in putting together the education compact.

Flag Protocol

Vice Mayor Ator received a call from a citizen about the flags at the Recreation Center and the Circle that do not have the proper lighting.

The City Manager informed Council that the problem had been corrected.

Turkey Bowl

The Recreation Department is assisting with the Turkey Bowl and this year's event will be held at Stafford Park at 9:00 a.m. It is a double elimination tournament and they are still looking for a team.

Happy Thanksgiving

Councilwoman Ator wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Christmas Tree Sale

Councilman Lob announced that the Optimist Club will begin selling Christmas Trees on Thanksgiving Day, November 25th. He urged everyone to support the local organization. There is a \$10.00 coupon in the River Cities Gazette.

Installation Ceremony

Councilman Lob asked the Administration to look into the Mayor's request to hold an installation ceremony for the newly elected officials at the Rebeca Sosa Theatre after the April election.

The City Clerk confirmed that the swearing in ceremony took place last year on the Monday following the election during the Regular Council meeting. The Elections Department has said that they are now requiring more days to certify the election.

Councilman Espino would also be supportive of a separate ceremony for people to celebrate.

The City Clerk will get the timeframe from Elections.

Code Revisions

Councilman Best stated that funds were budgeted for Code Revisions totaling \$75,000, portions of the Code are very outdated, and it seems that only a small portion of the Code is being addressed.

President John Kennedy

Councilman Best announced that today is the 47th anniversary of the tragic assassination of President Kennedy.

Poetry Reading

Councilman Best said that he had the opportunity to perform a poetry reading at Lily Saborit-Abello's literary performance at the Community Center. It was a nice event, Ralph Wakefield assisted with the sound and lighting and he was very appreciative to be a part of the event.

Business Support

Councilman Best referred to the comments made by Lily Saborit-Abello during Open Forum in regard to support for the businesses. He said that she made sense, but other than funding, he does not know what else Council can do. He suggested that it might help to get all the business owners "on the same page" in order to head in the right direction and there have been efforts, but they do not always respond. The second part is to get support, which is difficult to achieve. Council has made an attempt and if there are some things that have not been done he is open for suggestions.

City Manager Borgmann stated that the City hired the Consultants and this is part of what they will be doing eventually, including marketing plans, advertising and getting the businesses on board to support those activities.

Happy Thanksgiving

Councilman Best wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Riverside Grille

Councilman Espino announced that Eddy Rhodes officially opened the Riverside Grille on Friday November 19th. He and his friends and family had a wonderful meal and it is great to see another business open Downtown. He wished him much success.

Miami-Dade Delegation

Councilman Espino attended the local swearing-in of the Miami-Dade Delegation at the Florida International University College of Law and was inspired by the unity that was shown. There are differences of opinion, but they are committed to secure Miami-Dade's fair share of funding, be it for education or roads.

Committee Appointment

Councilman Espino reported that the President of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities appointed him to the Miami-Dade Legislative Committee on which he looks forward to serving on and he will push a couple of legislative points that affect the City of Miami Springs and other municipalities.

Hawks Baseball

Councilman Espino announced that the Miami Springs Senior High School Hawks baseball team is starting its annual field banner program. For \$300.00 you can purchase a banner that will be placed on the fence to help support the baseball team. He asked the City Manager for an update of what has been done by the City to support the team.

Happy Thanksgiving

Councilman Espino wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

New Year's Event

Mayor Bain stated that Lily Saborit-Abello had stayed the entire meeting waiting for a decision on her request for a New Year's event. He asked if Council wanted to give direction to the City Manager to obtain the information that could be e-mailed to Council since he can authorize a certain amount of funding.

Councilman Espino said that he spoke with Ms. Saborit-Abello about the event. He knows that funds are set aside for this purpose and would be willing to support the event.

By consensus, Council authorized the City Manager to allocate funding for the event.

13. Adjourn.

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

Billy Bain
Mayor

ATTEST:

Magalí Valls, CMC
City Clerk

Approved during meeting of: 12/13/2010.

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